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INT. WONDERLAND BAKERY - MAIN ROOM - DAY

An O.S. <FLURRY> <RATTLES> the COLD CUPBOARD DOOR.

1 ALICE (V.O.) 1
 "Into the Scone."

INT. WONDERLAND BAKERY - COLD CUPBOARD - MOMENTS LATER

In the Cold Cupboard, a frosty <FLURRY> sweeps PAST CAMERA. The room is *bustling with productive energy* -- and is in a transitory state of disarray -- as the friends (in WINTER OUTFITS) undertake a clean-out. COOKIE skis across frame.

2 COOKIE 2
 There's nothing like a Cold
 Cupboard clean-out. Really gets
 your bookmark flapping!

HATTIE toddles into frame, barely keeping steady as his arms OVERFLOW WITH PRECARIOUSLY BALANCED OVERSIZED LOOSE VEGGIES:

3 HATTIE 3
 Anyone have a super-mega-extra-
 large veggie bag?

As DINAH leaps at Hattie's feet, Hattie loses his balance, *flails* and accidentally kicks a LOOSE BASEBALL-SIZED PEA.

4 HATTIE (CONT'D) 4
 W-w-whoa -- Hatter down!

We TRACK THE PEA deeper into the cupboard, losing it as we turn behind SHELVES, through BOXES, settling behind ALICE, crouched, excavating a deep corner. FERGIE, whom we also only see from the back, assists her:

5 FERGIE 5
 It just looks like...dust.

6 ALICE 6
 Try this.

Alice hands Fergie a LOUPE. REVERSE TO an UP ANGLE, where Fergie's face is WARPED by the magnification:

7 FERGIE
Hoppin' hares! It's spices - very
pretty spices.

REVERSE TO Fergie's POV: A boring SPICE BOX with containers of DUST-LIKE, COLORFUL SPICES. The LOUPE crosses over frame, MAGNIFYING each again, showing that up close these seemingly-boring spices are SHIMMERING, DANCING, FIRE-WORKSING, etc.

8 ALICE
You never know what you'll find
when you take a closer look.

Loupe still over his eye, Fergie turns, suddenly face-to-face with a MAGNIFIED FROZEN FISH STICK. He leaps, scurrying --

-- And the SCHOOL OF FLYING FISH STICKS follows! Alice calls:
10 ALICE 10
Forgie, they're harmless!

11 FERGIE 11
-- But they tickle!!

AT THE OTHER END OF THE COLD CUPBOARD, the fish sticks innocently chase Fergie as the others try to help. Hattie swings a BUTTERFLY NET wildly; Dinah and Cookie leap:

12 HATTIE/DINAH/COOKIE 12
Almost got one! /<MEOW!>/<LEAPING
EFFORTS> Slippery little guys!

13 FERGIE 13
Anywhere but the armpits!!

BACK ON ALICE. She reaches O.S. to pick something up.

ALICE What in Wonderland?

They all (except Hattie, who keeps swiping with the net, in his own world...) turn and look in Alice's direction...

INT. WONDERLAND BAKERY - MAIN ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

DOWN ANGLE on A COLD PASTRY BOX. Alice's hands wipe away a LAYER OF FROST that had been obscuring a "HIDE ME" TAG:

15 ALICE 15 *
"Hide Me..." *

16 FERGIE/HATTIE/COOKIE 16
Whoa.../What is it?/It can't be...

As Alice opens the box, REVERSE TO the UP ANGLE (and REVEAL: Fergie is ENSNARED IN HATTIE'S NET, while the others are all back in regular outfits), as everyone's eyes go wide...

17 COOKIE 17
...It is!! I can't believe it!

Cookie reaches in and holds up A FROZEN SCONE:

18 COOKIE (CONT'D) 18
You found the last of your great
grandmother's Top-Secret Scones!

Cookie hands the scone to Alice, who gazes at it.

19 ALICE 19
Incredible...

20 FERGIE 20
What's so top secret about 'em?

21 COOKIE
Everything! Just look at the recipe
page.

Cookie flips to the recipe page, revealing...IT'S BLANK!

22 HATTIE 22
All the ingredients are invisible?

23 COOKIE
23
Not invisible. *Secret.*

24 ALICE 24
It can be fun for a baker to have a

25 COOKIE 25
Exactly. But there are always yummy
clues for people to try and figure
out what's inside.

26 ALICE 26
So let's warm up these scones and
put our taste buds to work!

INT. WONDERLAND BAKERY - MAIN ROOM - A LITTLE LATER

All (Fergie now net-free) gather around OVEN, anticipating:

27 COOKIE 27
 It's been so long, even I'm curious
 how they'll taste.

Then, with a <TOOT!>, Oven pops open and flips freshly warmed
 SCONES onto the counter. The friends gather as STEAM CLEARS:

28 ALICE 28
 No need to wait any longer...

They each take a cooled scone (ONE remaining) and take bites:

29 COOKIE 29
 They're so light and airy...
 Somehow better than I remember!

30 FERGIE 30
 I don't taste any carrots. But
 they're so good, I don't care!

31 HATTIE 31
 Is this really the last batch ever?

32 ALICE 32
 Not if I have anything to say about
 it. We've gotta figure out this
 recipe.

Cookie gives Alice an affectionate pat.

33 COOKIE 33
 <CHUCKLE!> Your great grandmother
 would be delighted to hear it! You
 have her curious spirit.

34 HATTIE 34
 <TAXI WHISTLE!> Here birdie birdie!

Hattie pulls a CLIPBOARD from his hat; Fergie opens a window
 for a PENCIL BIRD to fly in. The bird nods, ready to write.

35 FERGIE 35
 Ready when you are, Alice.

Alice confidently takes a bite... Then tilts her head and
 scrunches her eyes as she considers:

36 ALICE 36
 I taste... <CHEW.> Hm, maybe a bit
 of... <BITE.> I definitely...

The friends and bird lean in with anticipation as she pops
 the last bit of her scone in her mouth...

37	ALICE (CONT'D) ...have no idea what's in them!	37
38	HATTIE You can't tell what <i>any</i> of the ingredients are?	38 *
39	ALICE I know they have the basics like butter and flour. But what <i>kind</i> of butter and flour?	39
	Alice points to a butter dish and a sack of flour.	*
40	ALICE (CONT'D) Blooming butter? Sunny honey flour? (shrugs) I'm stumped.	40 * *
	The bird flies O.S. Fergie anxiously tugs at his ears.	
41	FERGIE So that's it? We'll never, ever, ever have these scones again?	41
	Alice picks up the LAST SCONE, peers at it closely.	
42	ALICE I didn't say that. Where there's a whisk there's a way, right?	42
43	COOKIE I know that look; she's got a plan. Whatcha thinking, snickerdoodle?	43
44	ALICE A Wonderland secret calls for a Wonderland solution. We need to go where no baker has gone before.	44
	Alice hoists up the scone as if it were Excalibur.	
45	ALICE (CONT'D) We're heading... <i>into the scone!</i>	45

PUSH INTO SCONE
WIPE TO:

INT. WONDERLAND BAKERY - MAIN ROOM - A LITTLE LATER

The friends stand around the final scone, now on a TEA TOWEL at their feet.

We PAN ACROSS our team of adventurers: Alice in her HARD HAT, CLIPBOARD and PENCIL in hand and Dinah at her feet; Cookie in her SNORKEL; Fergie in his BUBBLE SUIT...

46 FERGIE 46
(to Hattie; O.S.)
What do you need *that* for?

END OF THE LINE REVEAL: Hattie cranks a HAND CRANK EGGBEATER.

47 HATTIE 47
You never know when an eggbeater
will come in handy.

Fergie accepts with a shrug as Alice hands out SMALL CAKE.

48 ALICE 48
We need to figure out all the
scone's ingredients before this
small cake wears off.

Fergie twists his POCKET WATCH with timer-setting <CLICKS>:

49 FERGIE 49
Timer's set.

50 HATTIE 50
Then let's chow down to business.

They all gobble up their small cake and in a <BLINK> --

51 ALICE/FERGIE/HATTIE/COOKIE/DINAH 51
Whoa!/Whiskers!/Yeah!/Ahh!/<MEOW>

INT. WONDERLAND BAKERY - BASE OF GIANT SCONES - CONTINUOUS

-- The tiny friends are at the base of a MOUNTAIN-SIZED SCONE! They take a half-beat to gaze up at its enormity before Alice leads them forward into a DARK FISSURE...

52 ALICE 52
Time to go...into the scone!

INT. SCENE - DARK FISSURE / BRIGHT SUGAR DESERT - CONTINUOUS

They briefly tumble through RABBIT-HOLE-LIKE DARKNESS --

53 ALICE/FERGIE/HATTIE/COOKIE/DINAH 53
Whoa!/Ears up!/Where's my hat?/This
can't be good for my paws!/<MEOW!>

-- And emerge into EXTREME BRIGHTNESS, landing in quick succession in a VAST DESERT OF "SAND." As eyes adjust, Hattie and Alice stand and brush off, gazing in awe:

54 ALICE 54
Welcome to... the scone!

55 HATTIE 55
Looks like a dessert desert...

Fergie stands and dumps a LOAD OF "SAND" from an ear:

56 FERGIE 56
Bunny ears are not built for this
much sand.

Cookie picks up a GRAIN (larger than sand) and sniffs it:

57 COOKIE 57
<SNIFF> At least it smells sweet.
<GENTLE LICK> Tastes sweet too!

RACK FOCUS to Alice behind her, who holds a GRAIN to her eye and rolls it around like an archaeologist would:

58 ALICE 58
That's because it's not sand; it's
sugar. Rainbow sugar. Look:

HER POV, CLOSE ON THE GRAIN OF SUGAR as the others gather behind the prism and also see: it <SHIMMERS> like a rainbow.

59 FERGIE/HATTIE 59
Great cottontails.../Beautiful...

60 COOKIE 60
The whole desert is shimmering!

PULL OUT as a WAVE OF RAINBOW LIGHT crosses the desert floor.

61 ALICE 61
(writing)
"Rainbow sugar." The first
ingredient in our scone.

Alice happily scribbles the ingredient on her list.

62 HATTIE 62
Yahoo! Let's keep going -- I want
to see every inch of this scone.

As Hattie bounds with endless energy, the others follow...

CROSSFADE, a LITTLE LATER:

Some time has passed. Hattie is still at the front of the line, but he's slowed considerably and <breathes heavily>:

63 HATTIE (CONT'D)
(out of breath)
Let's...keep...moving. So much
scone to see!

CROSSFADE AGAIN, a LITTLE LATER:

Hattie is in the middle of the pack, keeping spirits up best he can. He wipes his brow, hands his HAT to Fergie to hold:

64 HATTIE (CONT'D)
We're doing great. <DEEP BREATH.>
Just <DEEP BREATH.> keep going...

CROSSFADE AGAIN, a LITTLE LATER STILL:

Fergie and Hattie are now at the back of the pack, with Fergie practically dragging Hattie along.

65 HATTIE (CONT'D)
Whew, break time. How long's it been?

The group stops. The others turn as Fergie checks his watch:

66 FERGIE
About...forty-seven seconds?

As Hattie plops down for a rest --

67 HATTIE
That's all? Guess I need to eat
more veggieeeeeees -- !

He TUMBLES INTO AND THROUGH A WEAK SPOT IN THE GROUND! The others rush over and jump in after him without hesitation!

68 ALICE/FERGIE/COOKIE/DINAH
We're coming, Hattie! / Hold on,
bud! / Here we go again...! / <MEOW!>

INT. SCENE - FROSTY BUTTER CAVE - MOMENTS LATER

They <LAND SOFTLY> in a FIELD OF BUTTERCUPS in a FROSTY cave.
HOLD ON a curious Alice as the others stand up in the B.G.:

Alice gently <PLUCKS> one of the BUTTERCUPS, and immediately a <COOL RUSH OF WIND> blows by, the frost <GLISTENING>.

Fergie reaches and <SNAPS> off a STALACTITE from above. He <SQUISHES> it in a hand, then rubs his hands together:

69 FERGIE
This ice is...buttery.

Alice holds her own STALACTITE, handling it more gently.

70 ALICE
It's not buttery ice...it's icy
butter. Frozen buttercup butter to
be exact. The next ingredient.

Cookie gestures around her as she speaks.

71 COOKIE
<GASP!> When frozen butter melts,
it would leave caves like this.
Those pockets of air would explain
the scones' flakiness. And their
supreme buttery-ness!

From O.S., Hattie slip-n-slides THROUGH FRAME on his belly:

72 HATTIE
And why the ground is so
sliiiiiiiiick!

The others all make knowing eye contact, then *run* and *flop down* on their own bellies to join him sliding:

73 ALICE/FERGIE/DINAH
Wait for us! / Bunny-flop! / <MEOWOW!>

They zoom through the cave, dodging CHOCOLATE BOULDERS:

74 HATTIE
Watch out for the chocolate chunks!

COOKIE

76 FERGIE
This hare is catchin' air!

Fergie launches off a boulder like a skier, striking a pose!

77 ALICE/HATTIE
Go Fergie!/Nice tail grab!

As he lands, RACK FOCUS TO COOKIE, spotting something ahead:

78

COOKIE

Not to pour cold water on the fun
but...we're heading for a wall!!

78

POV as over the horizon ahead, a RED WALL is rapidly coming into view -- and they're all heading straight for it fast! *

Hattie hugs a chocolate boulder, and Cookie, Dinah, and Alice brace on buttercup vines. Fergie is right behind them --

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ALICE

Fergie, grab a buttercup vine!

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*

He struggles to grab one -- but he keeps slipping!!

80

FERGIE

Ah -- my hands are too buttery!

80

*

Cookie hides her eyes as Fergie keeps going and CRASHES!!!!

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FERGIE (CONT'D)

Waaaa...!!!

81

...And <BOUNCES> right back towards them, with a big puff of SODA BUBBLES following right behind him.

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FERGIE (CONT'D)

(delightfully surprised)
...Ohhhhh!!

82

Cookie uncovers her eyes and realizes Fergie's next to her!

83

FERGIE (CONT'D)

I bounced right off!

83

*

The friends all let go and drop "down," the CAMERA SEAMLESSLY ROTATING so the "wall" is now the BOUNCE-HOUSE-LIKE FLOOR.

84

HATTIE

It's a giant bounce berry.

84

Alice writes the ingredient on her clipboard.

85

ALICE

Another ingredient for the list.

85

*

The friends are bouncing and having a great time (Hattie has no shortage of flips), and with each bounce, more tiny soda bubbles erupt and tickle them -- and their noses!

86

FERGIE

<GIGGLE> What's with these tiny tickle bubbles? <ACHOO!>

86

As Cookie bounces, a BIG SODA BUBBLE erupts, enveloping her (with her snorkel poking out the top):

87 COOKIE 87
And the big ones too? Whoa -- !

As the bubble floats away with Cookie inside, Alice realizes:

88 ALICE 88
They must be baking soda bubbles --
which explains how the dough rises.

As the bubbled Cookie floats O.S.:

89 COOKIE 89
And why I'm floating outta this
scone. See ya on the other side!

90 ALICE/FERGIE/DINAH 90
Bye, Cookie! /See you soon! /<MEOW!>

Alice consults her clipboard.

91 ALICE 91
There's just one ingredient left.
The most important ingredient of
every pastry.

92 HATTIE/FERGIE/DINAH 92
Love? /Carrots? /<MEOW?>

93 ALICE 93
Flour.

94 HATTIE/FERGIE/DINAH 94
Ohh... /Right... /<MEOW...>

95 COOKIE (O.S.) 95
(booming)
Um, Alice?!

The friends settle to a stop and glance around for her:

96 ALICE 96
Cookie? Is that you?

QUICK I/C: INT. WONDERLAND BAKERY - MAIN ROOM - Regular-sized
Cookie looms over the scone on the floor.

97 COOKIE 97
Yup. And I've got some big news:
I'm big again!

BACK IN THE SCONE - Fergie turns to Alice.

98

FERGIE

98

But that means...

Right on cue, one of Dinah's EARS starts to *twitch*...then suddenly starts to *RAPIDLY GROW!*!

99

DINAH

99

<"What is happening..." MEOW?!">

100

FERGIE

100

The small cake is wearing off!

101

ALICE

101

I'll find the last ingredient. You two get Dinah back to the Bakery.

Hattie produces his EGGBEATER and proudly <CRANKS> it:

102

HATTIE

102

I knew this would come in handy.

He uses it to <BURROW THROUGH> the scone wall. Fergie scoops up Dinah (slipping in his buttery hands) and follows O.S.

Now alone, Alice bounces towards another wall, determined:

103

ALICE

103

Only one ingredient left. You got this, Alice. <LEAPING EFFORTS>

She gets to that wall and *crouches for one big leap -- !*

INT. SCONE - OTHER END OF BRIGHT SUGAR DESERT - CONTINUOUS

-- Alice's fingertips grab a cliff's ledge; she pulls herself back up into the BRIGHT sugar desert. <WIND WHIPS>, creating DUST DEVILS and making it hard to see -- and hard to walk.

Alice holds onto her hat as she pushes through, noticing SPIRAL PATTERNS on the boulders and on the ground below:

104

ALICE

104

Twirly spirals everywhere.
Curiouser and curiouser.

She pushes on, straight towards the biggest dust devil:

105

ALICE (CONT'D)

105

This must be the special flour my great grandmother used!

She reaches her hand in, TASTES IT, considers...

106 ALICE (CONT'D) 106
 It's... Just regular, everyday
 flour? That can't be right...

<EVERYTHING AROUND HER STARTS TO RUMBLE!!> She braces:

107 ALICE (CONT'D) 107
 Scone quake!! *

INT. WONDERLAND BAKERY - MAIN ROOM - SAME TIME [INTERCUTTING WITH ALICE INSIDE SCONE, AS INDICATED]

Full-sized Fergie innocently and casually tosses the scone from slippery hand to slippery hand, trying to peer inside:

108 FERGIE 108
 Alice? Hm, I don't see her...

IN THE SCONE, Alice is tossed around like a rag doll. Then, FERGIE'S GIANT EYE is visible through a hole in the scone:

109 FERGIE (CONT'D) 109
 (booming)
 Alice, if you can hear me, there's
 not much time left!

IN THE BAKERY, Cookie gently reminds Fergie:

110 COOKIE 110
 Maybe don't toss around the scone
 while our friend is still inside?

111 FERGIE 111
 <"Oops" GIGGLE> Right. Sorry Alice!

IN THE SCONE, Alice stands, dusts off and <YELLS> to Fergie.

112 ALICE 112
 It's okay, Fergie!
 (to herself)
 But how much time is "not much...?"

Suddenly, a <DISTANT, BOOMING, INCEPTION-LIKE WATCH BUZZ!!>

113 ALICE/FERGIE (O.S., BOOMING) 113
 Uh-oh./There's the buzzer! *

Alice starts to run, but it's too late!! She STARTS TO GROW, with the walls of the scone <CRUMBLING AROUND HER!!>

IN THE BAKERY, the friends toss the scone like a hot potato:

114 HATTIE/COOKIE 114
What do we do?!/Get it outta here!

Fergie catches the scone.

115 FERGIE 115
Oh deeeeear! <THROWING EFFORT>

He glances, panics, runs to the door, and tosses it outside!
Everyone gathers at the doorway to watch:

EXT./INT. WONDERLAND BAKERY - MAIN ROOM/FRONT - CONTINUOUS

As the scone rolls along the path and settles to a stop, Alice erupts out of it, reducing it to A PILE OF DUST/CRUMBS.

A BROOMDOG strolls by and <sweeps> the rubble, exiting O.S.

116 ALICE 116
Broomdog, wait!
(deflates)
Crumbs. Literally. I guess my great
grandmother's Top-Secret Scones
will stay a secret... forever.

Cookie hops over; the others follow and help Alice up.

117 COOKIE 117
But, you're Alice! Of Wonderland!
Where there's a whisk, there's
always a way. Right?

118 ALICE
<GASP!> That's it!

119 COOKIE 119
Actually it's just a pep talk but --

120 ALICE 120
It's not an ingredient that's missing. It's a technique.

Alice takes out her whisk and flips it.

121 ALICE (CONT'D) 121
The spiral patterns inside the scone. They were everywhere. I think they were from whisking!

122 COOKIE 122
Yes! A light whisking. Which would--

123	ALICE/COOKIE Make the scones light and airy!	123
124	HATTIE We did it!! ...We did do it, right?	124
125	ALICE There's only one way to find out.	125

Alice and the others go back inside as they launch into the recurring: "**THE BAKING SONG.**" The friends pull together the INGREDIENTS, then gather as Alice gives the BOWL a *supremely light whisk*. They put the SCONES on a TRAY, into Oven...

As **THE SONG ENDS**, Oven pops out the scones, which cool on the counter. As the STEAM CLEARS, they take bites, confirming:

126	ALICE (CONT'D) It's a tasty match! We did it!	126
127	COOKIE They're exactly like your great grandmother's.	127
128	FERGIE And now that I know what's in them, I can really taste each ingredient!	128
129	HATTIE (mouth full) Mmm...baking soda. Delicious!	129
130	ALICE Thanks, everyone. I love that my great grandmother left us this mystery to solve together.	130

Cookie pulls Alice in for a bookmark shoulder-hug.

131	COOKIE Now that you've got the recipe, should we add it to my pages?	131
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Alice considers her PAPER...then folds it and pockets it.

132	ALICE Let's keep this one a secret.	132
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Cookie smiles and nods in agreement. Dinah nuzzles Alice.

133	FERGIE Food really can take us anywhere.	133
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134

ALICE

<GIGGLE> Even...*into the scone!*

134

WE ZOOM INTO THE SCONE, parallaxing into the DESERT, into the CAVES, between the FISSURES of the BOUNCE BERRY...

FADE TO BLACK.